

Wisconsin  
**State Patrol**  
**2002**  
**Annual Report**

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*The State Patrol's mission is to promote highway and public safety and to enhance the quality of life for all Wisconsin citizens and visitors by providing and supporting professional, competent and compassionate law enforcement services.*



## Superintendent's message

The Wisconsin State Patrol's Annual Report for 2002 highlights many impressive achievements by our organization. We are justifiably proud of these accomplishments and will use them as a basis for continued improvements.

Although our primary mission is focused on highway safety throughout Wisconsin, this report demonstrates the wide array of services and programs we provide for our citizens and those visiting our state.

Members of the State Patrol are dedicated professionals who take tremendous pride in their work, although their labors may go unnoticed. This report is a summary of their efforts to improve public safety and enhance the quality of life in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

David L. Collins  
Superintendent  
Wisconsin State Patrol

# Formation

The Wisconsin State Patrol was established in 1939 when 46 inspectors were designated as traffic officers.

In 1955, the modern State Patrol was created with an increase in strength to 250 State Patrol troopers. During the 1960s, the State Patrol became part of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and it was designated a WisDOT division in 1977.

Throughout its nearly 65-year history, the State Patrol has progressed and evolved into a statewide force of highly trained professionals who offer an array of services and programs.



1939 Ford cruiser (DOT archives)



AMC Rambler Ambassadors were used for squad cars in 1959. (DOT archives)

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1964 Dodge cruiser (DOT archives)

# Organization

As a statewide law enforcement agency, the State Patrol operates seven district headquarters and communications centers. The state headquarters are in Madison. (See map on page 31.) The State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy provides law enforcement training for local, state and federal law enforcement agencies as well as the State Patrol.

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**The State Patrol has three bureaus that function as a team to fulfill its mission:**

## The Bureau of Communications



★ provides the engineering, installation and technical maintenance for the statewide communications networks, including all radio tower sites and voice and data transmitting equipment, communications centers (that operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week) and supporting infrastructure.

## The Bureau of Field Services and Training



★ enforces criminal and traffic laws, operates the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy, operates Safety and Weight Enforcement Facilities (SWEFs) often called “roadside scales,” inspects and regulates commercial motor carriers—such as semi-trucks, inspects school buses and ambulances, conducts criminal interdiction programs, helps local law enforcement agencies with traffic and criminal enforcement, and responds to emergencies and natural disasters.

## The Bureau of Support Services

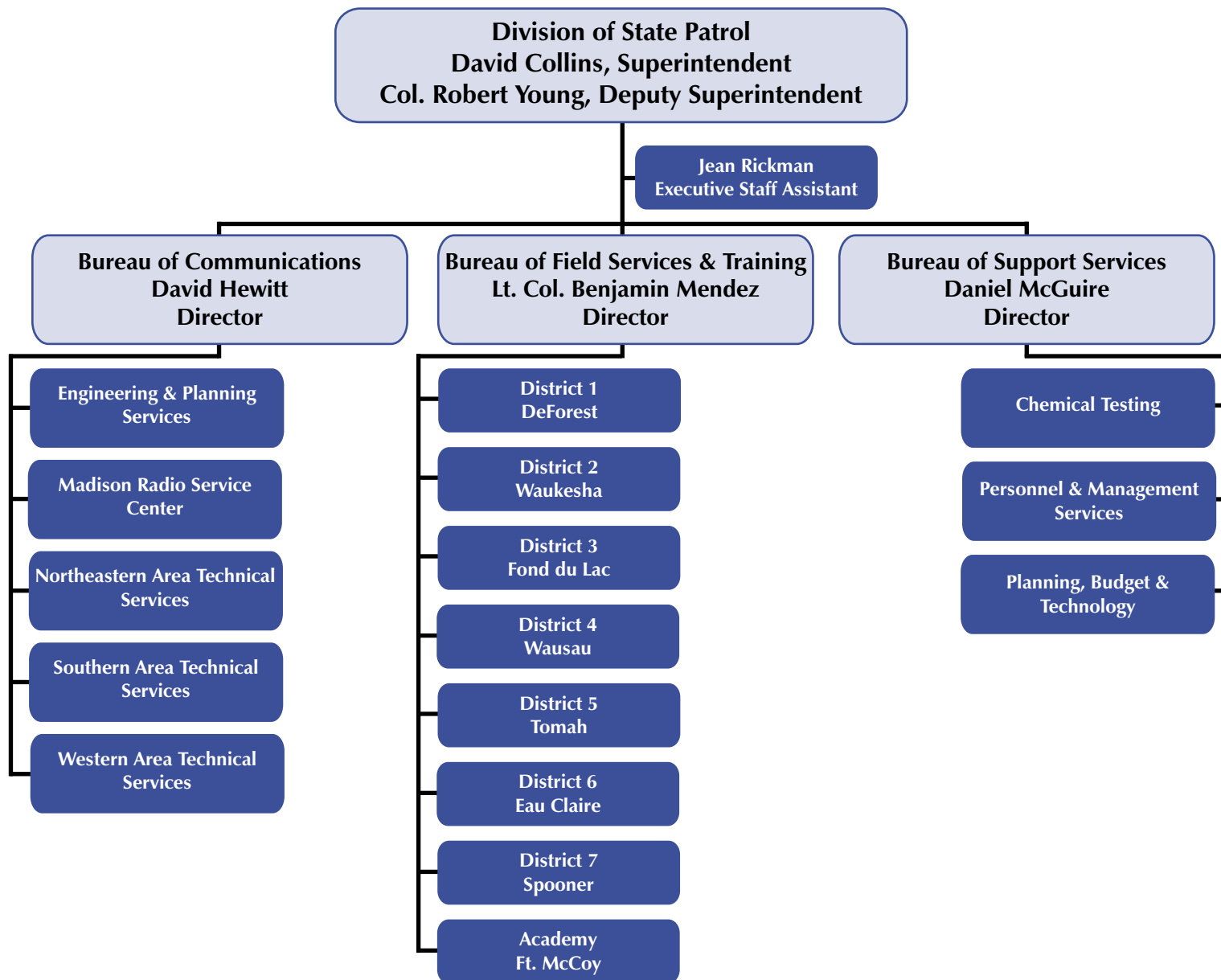


★ administers the statewide chemical testing program and manages business activities for the entire State Patrol, such as personnel management, planning and budget, media and public information, and information technology.



# Division of State Patrol

## Organizational Chart



# Personnel

*The State Patrol's sworn and non-sworn staff consists of approximately 708 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.*

## Sworn staff

The State Patrol increased to 300 troopers in 1961, 375 troopers in 1968, 380 in 1983, and 386 in 1984. In 1997, the State Patrol reached its current authorized strength of 399 troopers plus the deputy superintendent (colonel) and superintendent sworn positions.

The State Patrol also currently has 118 authorized inspector positions. Inspectors are sworn law enforcement officers who focus primarily on motor carrier safety and enforcement. In addition, three federally funded project inspectors administer the Police Corps Program at the State Patrol Academy.



With a total of 522 sworn staff, the Wisconsin State Patrol has about 4% of the law enforcement officers in the state. And with just 4% of the state's total law enforcement officers—whose primary focus is highway safety and traffic enforcement—the State Patrol in 2002 issued:

- 30.5% of all speeding citations in the state.
- 32.1% of all failure to fasten seat belt citations in the state.
- 21.7% of all child safety restraint violations in the state.
- 13% of all underage drinking citations in the state
- 9.5% of all Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated citations in the state.



A police communications operator dispatches a trooper to the scene of a crash while relaying vital information to emergency medical services. Police communications operators (PCOs) are telecommunications specialists who provide the “life line” to troopers, inspectors, DNR wardens and other law enforcement officers. PCOs are trained to operate complex computers and equipment at the district communications centers. The information PCOs provide enables officers in the field to take appropriate action and is vital to protecting the officers’ safety. In addition, PCOs provide information and assistance to the public and the news media.

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## Non-sworn staff

The non-sworn staff includes police communications operators who operate the patrol’s seven communications centers for dispatching troopers and inspectors.

Other non-sworn staff :

- Operate and coordinate the statewide chemical testing program
- Provide maintenance and administrative services at the districts
- Engineer and support the statewide voice and data communications network
- Provide support services, such as information technology, planning and budget and legislative research



## Services & programs

*State Patrol provides professional law enforcement services statewide:*

- The Wisconsin State Patrol has a big role in public safety even though it is the smallest state patrol or state police force in the nation. Based on the number of sworn officers per capita, the Wisconsin State Patrol ranks 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Hawaii does not have a state patrol or police force.
- The State Patrol's troopers and inspectors are highly trained officers who have successfully completed a rigorous 23-week training program at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy. (The minimum amount of training required for law enforcement certification in Wisconsin is 10 weeks). To upgrade their skills, troopers and inspectors attend annual training programs at the academy. They also attend specialized training sessions throughout the year.
- The Wisconsin State Patrol has an essential traffic safety and enforcement mission on interstate and rural highways.
- To provide homeland security, troopers routinely monitor highways, bridges and other potential terrorist targets. Inspectors carefully scrutinize trucks, especially those hauling hazardous materials.

*In addition to its highway safety and law enforcement mission, the State Patrol provides the following statewide services:*

- Enforcement of laws regulating the size and weight of trucks to prevent expensive deterioration of roadways, bridges, and other infrastructure.
- Motor carrier safety inspections using portable inspection equipment and weigh stations (Safety and Weight Enforcement Facilities). Trucking companies' records also are examined for compliance with safety regulations.
- Inspections of school buses, ambulances, human services vehicles, motor coaches and salvage vehicles.
- Evaluation and maintenance of breath-alcohol testing equipment, including training for local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors.







*The State Patrol is a partner with other law enforcement agencies and provides an array of specialized professional services statewide including the following:*

- Traffic and emergency back-up for local law enforcement agencies whenever and wherever needed. During peak travel times (such as holiday weekends), troopers team up with other agencies to target their enforcement in areas with high crash rates, speeding and other problems.
- Assistance to communities during emergencies, natural disasters (tornadoes, floods, forest fires, etc.), or major public events.
- Reconstruction of crashes and mapping of crime scenes for accurate investigations. Crash reconstruction data also help engineers design safer highways.
- Law enforcement training at the State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy, including use of the Emergency Vehicle Operators Course for pursuit training.
- With funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, the State Patrol Academy operates the Police Corps Training Program that provides well-trained, highly motivated new law enforcement officers for Wisconsin agencies.
- Revenue generated by State Patrol enforcement is disbursed to counties, the state school fund and other state programs. The State Patrol does not receive revenue from citation forfeitures. (See chart on page 29.)

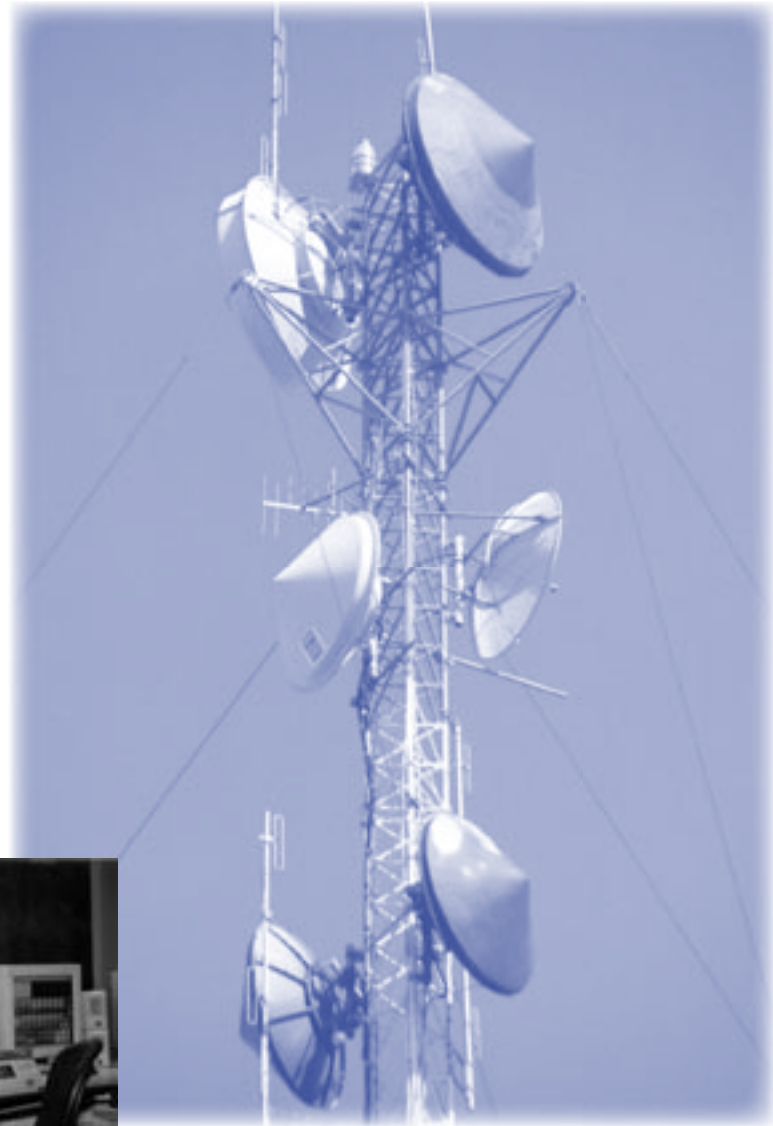
*The State Patrol manages and maintains towers and infrastructure for the statewide Mobile Data Communications Network (MDCN).*

- MDCN is provided as a free service for 135 local, state and federal agencies including 26 sheriff's departments, 98 local police departments, six state agencies, three federal agencies, and two tribal agencies. The network support has nearly 1,300 mobile data computers in State Patrol and other agencies' vehicles.
- State Patrol communications centers coordinate enforcement efforts throughout the state, which is especially important during pursuits or emergencies. Other communications centers, which serve municipalities or counties, use varied technologies and frequencies that often are not compatible with systems in other jurisdictions.
- State Patrol communications networks are self-contained and will operate even if other agencies' systems should fail after a disaster or terrorist attack.
- As part of its technologically advanced communications system, the State Patrol has a digital microwave backbone linking approximately 80 tower sites. (See map on page 32.)

# Bureau of Communications

The State Patrol Bureau of Communications is staffed with communications technicians, engineers and program support personnel, who are responsible for statewide voice and data communications systems. Their primary responsibility is to meet the communications needs of the State Patrol and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. They also provide communications support for other members of the public safety community.

The bureau also conducts statewide planning efforts with other agencies to promote sharing of resources, interoperability, and more effective standards. The bureau leads the Wisconsin Interoperability Committee on Radio and Tower Systems, whose goal is to foster interoperability among law enforcement and public safety agencies.



## 2002 improvements:

The Bureau of Communications continued improvements in 2002 to provide critical, life-saving support and protection for law enforcement and other agencies statewide.

- Six gap-filler tower sites were added to provide coverage in weak signal areas.
- Digital technology transformed the microwave backbone that supports all the statewide communications systems. The digital technology provides much better reliability for voice and data communications. The upgrade to digital was completed on February 4, 2003, exactly 11 years after the upgrade began.
- All State Patrol officers were issued second-generation impact-resistant mobile data computers in 2002, improving reliability and enhancing officer and public safety (*see photo below*).
- A new message switch was installed in the Mobile Data Communications Network (MDCN) to make it faster and more reliable.
- Twenty-five additional law enforcement agencies joined the MDCN partnership with the State Patrol, for a total of 128 agencies.



*An impact-resistant mobile data computer installed in a State Patrol cruiser.*



New lights are installed on a State Patrol cruiser at the Radio Shop in Madison, which is part of the Bureau of Communications. The Radio Shop provides installation of radios, mobile data computers, video cameras, emergency lights, and other equipment for State Patrol vehicles, the Department of Natural Resources, Capital Police, UW Police and other agencies.

The Bureau of Communications also operates three service territories as part of the State Patrol's statewide mission:

- Western service area facilities:  
Spooner, Eau Claire and Tomah
- Northern service area facilities:  
Wausau, Tomahawk, Green Bay and Fond du Lac
- Southern service area facilities:  
Madison, Waukesha and Madison Radio Shop.

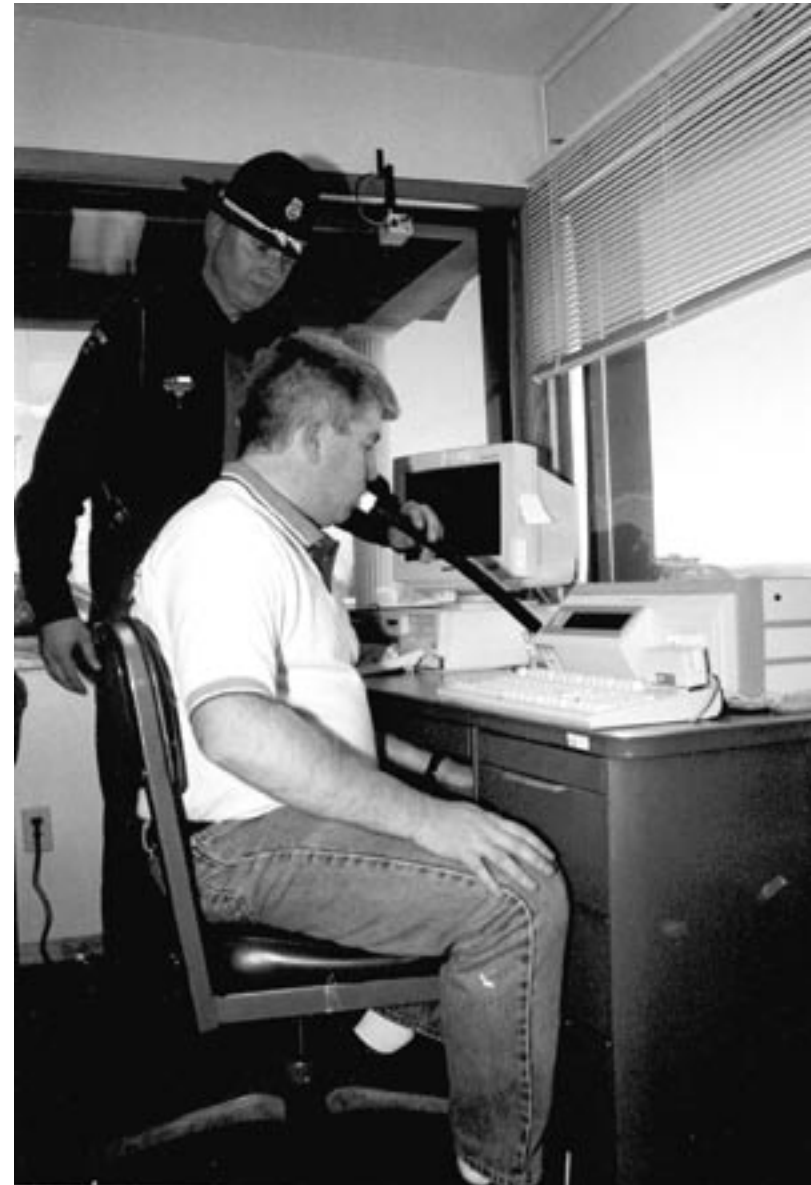
# Bureau of Support Services

*The Bureau of Support Services provides a variety of administrative, technical and specialized support functions that are essential to the State Patrol's overall operations.*

This support includes the development and maintenance of information technology systems, administration of the statewide breath-alcohol testing program, budget development, analysis of legislation, public information, and personnel management.

## 2002 improvements

- To enforce drunk-driving laws, the Chemical Testing Section maintained 231 breath-testing instruments for local police and sheriff's departments throughout the state. Fines for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OWI) funded the initial purchase and installation of the Intoximeters, which are provided to law enforcement agencies at no charge. Instrument maintenance and operator training programs also are funded by OWI fines and provided to local law enforcement at no cost. More than half of the drunk-driving convictions in the state are based on evidence provided by the Intoximeters.
- The Chemical Testing Section completed the evaluation of passive alcohol sensors. In 2003, the section will finish its evaluation of several ignition interlock devices that prevent operation of the vehicle by an alcohol-impaired driver. Effective application of ignition interlock systems has proved to be an effective deterrent for repeat drunk drivers.



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- For several years, the State Patrol has been involved in the development of electronic citation software for use by officers. Field tests were initiated in 2002 and will continue in 2003. Widespread application of the software will greatly improve the transfer of citation and conviction data from local courts to the Division of Motor Vehicles. Posting citations to the offending drivers' records will be seamless and timely.
- Information and technology staff improved the computer aided dispatch (CAD) system to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of information exchanges among troopers, inspectors, police communications operators and management staff. When fully implemented, CAD will provide complete integration of the mobile data computers with the Mobile Data Communications Network. CAD will permit interaction among all State Patrol districts, improve data collection and enhance the safety of officers. Developing technologies will include vehicle location and mapping.



*The Computer Aided Dispatch lab located in District 2.*

### *Internal and external Web sites were redesigned to provide up-to-date information about the State Patrol to its staff and the public.*



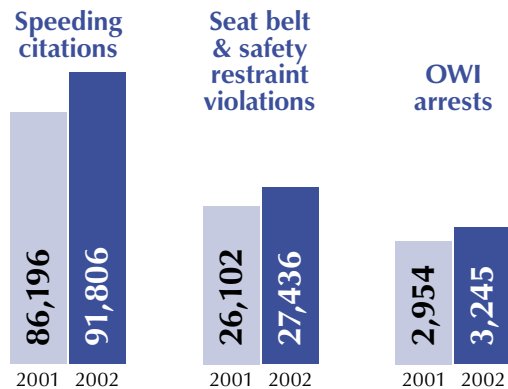
- State Patrol is required by state law to collect and analyze pursuit data for all 613 law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin. State Patrol participated in the development of a simplified reporting process, including a Web-based access for law enforcement agencies to submit reports electronically.
- Internal and external Web sites (*see images at left*) were redesigned to provide up-to-date information about the State Patrol to its staff and the public.
- In response to a legislative request, the State Patrol in conjunction with the WisDOT Division of Motor Vehicles and the Bureau of Transportation Safety conducted a survey during 2002 focusing on the use of cell phones during motor vehicle crashes. State Patrol troopers and inspectors used the Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Accident Report Form (MV4000) to record cell phone use at crashes. While the survey did not produce a definitive conclusion on the relationship of cell phone use to crashes, it did provide an important first step in the review of the issue.

# Bureau of Field Services and Training

## 2002 improvements and achievements

To fulfill its mission of improving highway safety statewide through professional, competent and compassionate law enforcement, State Patrol officers made more than 363,000 traffic stops in 2002. In addition, officers helped 70,219 motorists who were stranded or needed assistance on highways.

The State Patrol's enforcement actions increased in several areas including:



*The level of enforcement in 2002 demonstrates the State Patrol's commitment to getting motorists to slow down, buckle up and drive sober.*



*Troopers participating in Total Station training.*

*The Bureau of Field Services and Training enforces traffic and criminal laws in Wisconsin and operates the State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy.*

In addition to enforcement of speeding, safety restraint and OWI laws, the State Patrol's contact totals for 2002 included the following:

- Issued 455,440 warnings
- Investigated 6,663 crashes
- Made 5,403 arrests for criminal violations
- Conducted 93,024 semi-truck and other vehicle inspections
- Conducted 3,545 salvage vehicle inspections

A hallmark of the State Patrol's value is its ability to respond statewide for a variety of law enforcement needs—some of which require technical expertise.

The following examples demonstrate the State Patrol's valuable technical assistance and emergency responses in 2002.

- State Patrol officers responded to the worst crash in Wisconsin history on Interstate 43 in Sheboygan County when 50 cars collided in dense fog on October 11, 2002. Ten people were killed. The State Patrol reconstructed the crash.
- State Patrol officers were the first on the scene of a tragic crash that killed two Town of Hobart Police Officers in June 2002. Their squad car was hit intentionally by another vehicle driven by Tyson Kreuscher. Troopers assisted in the crash investigation, and their work helped convict Kreuscher in the high-profile case. The State Patrol also provided a temporary replacement vehicle to the Hobart Police Department.
- State Patrol officers were the first responders to Ladysmith and areas of Rusk County after a devastating tornado in September 2002 that destroyed homes and businesses. State Patrol troopers assisted at the command post and provided perimeter security for about one week after this natural disaster.
- Crash reconstruction experts from the State Patrol investigated the hit-and-run crash that killed a 17-year-old bicyclist near Watertown in September 2002. Based on the State Patrol investigation that located a pick-up truck, which may have been repaired after hitting the victim, charges were filed against a prominent Dodge County resident.
- State Patrol officers were first responders at the Quad Graphics fire in Lomira in July 2002 that caused the collapse of a 10-story structure and one death. Troopers remained on the scene for three days for traffic control and security.



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## *Acts of individual professionalism and dedication saved lives...*

There were numerous acts of individual professionalism and dedication that saved lives. For instance on April 1, 2002, Police Communications Operator Linda M. Scharpf received a call at the District 5—Tomah Communications Center about a car rollover on the Interstate. She quickly realized that the crash was near Trooper George Riedel's residence in Black River Falls, and he was about to begin his shift. She contacted Trooper Riedel, who was the first law enforcement officer to arrive at the crash scene. With the help of a motorist who stopped to assist, the trooper freed a 3-year-old girl and her mother from under the vehicle. The child had no pulse and was not breathing. The trooper and the assisting motorist performed CPR on the child for five minutes before detecting a pulse. The two then continued lifesaving CPR until the ambulance arrived. The child survived and was released from the hospital four days later.



*PCO Linda Scharpf and Trooper George Riedel*

## *High-tech crash reconstruction improves...*

State Patrol crash reconstruction experts implemented widespread use of airbag retrieval data collection software and upgraded their use of total station survey equipment, crash-zone drawing software and reconstruction physics programs. Officers reconstructed 193 high profile crashes

across the state, of which nearly 66 percent were for local police agencies. Many of the cases resulted in convictions (or are pending) for serious offenses such as homicide or causing injury by intoxicated or negligent use of a vehicle. All crash reconstruction officers have been supplied with an advanced



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reconstruction program, capable of complex calculations and creating three-dimensional depictions. In addition, the State Patrol has incorporated new software and infrared camera technology. In 2003, the addition of high-tech equipment and additional training will expand the already impressive crash reconstruction capabilities.



## *Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) refocuses on basics*

The federally funded MCSAP focused on inspection and enforcement activities in 2002 that resulted in 40,688 inspections (a 50 percent increase from 2001 and 10,000 more than any previous year of the program). These activities

included 7,686 traffic enforcement inspection contacts that contributed to a 4 percent reduction in commercial vehicle crashes (approximately 8,508 in 2001 and 8,165 in 2002).

In addition, inspectors performed more than 200 compliance reviews (audits of commercial carriers) and 229 motor coach inspections. The strategies and activities planned for 2003 are designed to promote highway safety and national security. MCSAP will implement the New Entrants Program in partnership with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to ensure that all new motor carriers undergo an on-site safety audit within the first 18 months of operation. The audit will provide technical and educational assistance to new carriers so they understand federal safety regulations.



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### *Safety and weight enforcement adds Pre-Pass capabilities*

State Patrol inspectors weigh and examine motor carriers to improve highway safety and protect roadways and bridges from damage by overweight trucks. Inspectors completed 35,854 motor carrier reports in 2002 compared with 30,338 in 2001. The State Patrol operates two weigh in motion and electronic screening systems (Pre-Pass) that allow checks of participating motor carriers without the trucks exiting the main highway. This technology enabled checks of more than one million trucks and increased efficiency by concentrating efforts on carriers more likely to not comply with regulations. Pre-Pass also increases the efficiency of enrolled motor carriers by reducing the time spent at Safety and Weight Enforcement Facilities.

### *School bus crashes fell by 20%*

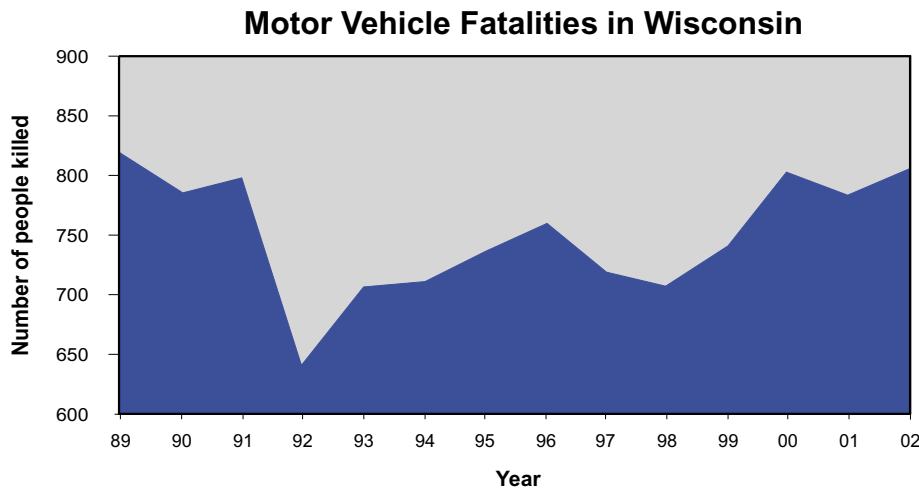
Certified State Patrol officers completed nearly 11,000 school bus inspections in 2002 along with more than 900 presale inspections on new buses. School bus crashes fell 20 percent in 2002 from the previous year.

In addition, officers inspected more than 700 intrastate motorbuses for compliance with safety requirements.

State Patrol officers completed 1,954 human service vehicle inspections to ensure that elderly and disabled passengers are transported in safe vehicles. Officers also inspected more than 3,500 salvaged vehicles to verify that they complied with equipment requirements after repairs and did not contain stolen parts.



# State Patrol focuses on fatality reduction



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Fatalities in Wisconsin increased to 805 in 2002, the highest total since 1989. As the number of drivers, vehicles and miles driven increase, the State Patrol is focusing on strategies that reduce traffic fatalities. These fatality reduction efforts during 2002 included the following:

## *Concentrated patrol efforts*

State Patrol officers worked with members of other agencies to concentrate their resources in targeted areas with high crash, speeding and OWI histories. These efforts contributed to the overall increase in the number of speeding, seat belt and OWI citations in 2002. Similar efforts are planned for 2003.

## *Extraordinary enforcement of OWI*

State Patrol officers worked approximately 868 hours of extraordinary enforcement detail as part of a WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety grant program. In 2003, officers in Districts 1 to 4 will work approximately 1,000 hours of extraordinary patrols in areas with high OWI offenses.





## HIGHWAY WATCH

### *Wisconsin Highway Watch Program*

Wisconsin launched its Highway Watch program in the fall of 2002 in partnership with the Wisconsin Motor Carrier Association. Commercial truck drivers are trained to identify highway safety problems and the proper way to report them using the Highway Watch Network. Since the inception of the program, the State Patrol has trained more than 190 commercial vehicle drivers in highway watch techniques. The State Patrol expects to train another 200 to 300 drivers in 2003. Wisconsin developed a calling system, which soon will be the model for other states. The State Patrol has received nearly 100 calls from trained drivers enabling officers to respond to emergencies and problems throughout the state. As training continues, calls are expected to quadruple during 2003.

### *Road construction mitigation efforts*

In 2002, the State Patrol contracted with WisDOT's highway engineers to focus on concentrated patrols rather than traditional surveillance methods in construction zones. Officers provided approximately 8,500 hours of extraordinary patrols in 14 construction projects. As a result, compared with the previous year, construction zone crashes decreased by 181 and 250 fewer injuries were reported. More efforts are planned for 2003 in construction zones around the state.



### *Aerial enforcement*

State Patrol pilots flew an additional 400 hours of enforcement in 2002, issuing more than 1,000 speeding citations. Officers issued an average of seven citations for every hour the plane was in the air.



### *"Click It: Why Risk It" extraordinary enforcement*

The Click It program entails very visible seatbelt enforcement. In 2002, State Patrol officers provided 1,217 extra hours of Click It program enforcement, which generated 694 safety restraint violations and 92 warnings. Increased enforcement also resulted in 23 alcohol violations, including seven drunk driving arrests, as well as 366 speeding citations and 919 warnings. In total, the State Patrol issued 1,229 citations and 2,271 warnings over the course of the program's extraordinary hours. Although the amount of extraordinary enforcement hours was reduced for 2003, officers are still actively enforcing seatbelt laws during the Click It periods.



*Troopers demonstrate the benefits of wearing seat belts to elementary school children with the Little Convincer.*



## *Coordinated enforcement efforts with local police*

State Patrol officers helped coordinate a multijurisdictional concentrated patrol along US 41 from Milwaukee to Green Bay. By informing the public of the enforcement efforts, vehicle speeds over the patrolled portion of the highway were reduced as monitored by WisDOT road sensors.

## *Community outreach and education programs*

The State Patrol in partnership with other government agencies, non-profit groups and businesses sponsors programs to educate the public and promote highway and public safety strategies. In 2002, these programs included:

- Saved by the Belt, which recognizes occupants of vehicles who survived a crash because they were buckled.
- Little Convincer display that vividly shows the benefits of wearing seat belts and using child restraints.
- Community outreach displays at events such as the Wisconsin State Fair, EAA Fly-in and regional fairs.



*Above: A youngster tries on a trooper's hat and handcuffs for fit.*



*At right: Buckle Bear and one of the Crash Test Dummies visit with a young friend at the Wisconsin State Fair.*



*At left: Perhaps this youngster will grow up to not only fit the hat and squad, but to be one of the next generation of State Patrol troopers.*

*Below: A trooper demonstrates proper car seat installation.*





*The State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy.*



## *State Patrol Academy training builds the physical, mental and emotional fitness necessary to ensure readiness for duty.*

The State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy graduated 16 cadets in November 2002. After 23 weeks of training, they received their badges as State Patrol troopers and inspectors. Of the 16 graduates, 13 became troopers and three became inspectors.

The Police Corps Training Program graduated 13 recruits in 2002, who joined municipal and county law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin. They completed 21 weeks of training at the State Patrol Academy to attain the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to serve as highly trained law enforcement officers. Throughout the program, their physical, mental and emotional fitness were tested to ensure their readiness for duty.



## Highlights & Achievements



The Wisconsin State Patrol Academy uses its Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC) to provide State Patrol personnel with training on a variety of driving maneuvers and techniques they need to perform their missions on highways. Other law enforcement agencies also use the EVOC for training their officers.



The State Patrol publicly honors those members who have demonstrated outstanding service or performance. All honorees have been recommended by fellow employees for special recognition. The recommendations for special awards are evaluated by the Awards Committee, which is composed of a captain, sergeant, trooper, inspector, non-sworn employee and a state headquarters representative. The superintendent makes the final determination.

## 2002 Special Awards

*The following awards were presented on October 24, 2002:*

### **Trooper Arden A. Asp—Meritorious Service Award**

Trooper Asp monitored a Vernon County Sheriff's Department radio dispatch on April 5, 2001, concerning a suicidal subject who had been involved in a domestic dispute. The dispatcher reported that the subject was under the influence of drugs and requested Trooper Asp's assistance. Trooper Asp spotted and attempted to stop the subject's vehicle. The subject refused to stop and a high-speed pursuit resulted. When the subject finally stopped, he rammed Trooper Asp's cruiser. After being rammed a second time, Trooper Asp used his cruiser to push the subject's vehicle off the highway. Trooper Asp then drew his weapon and approached the vehicle. The driver exited his vehicle with a claw-hammer raised in a threatening manner and kept his other hand in his pocket. The subject refused to stop after repeated commands, so Trooper Asp fired a shot into the ground. The subject continued to advance, so Trooper Asp fired a second shot that caused dirt to fly into the subject's face. He then dropped the hammer and Trooper Asp physically restrained the subject, ending the confrontation. This incident began as an attempt to locate and quickly escalated into a deadly force situation. For successfully and safely concluding this incident, Trooper Asp was awarded a Meritorious Service Award.



### **Trooper Cindy L. Paine—Meritorious Service Award**

Trooper Paine responded to a call on May 11, 2002, of a pedestrian walking on US 41. She observed a female walking in traffic near a bridge. Drivers had to take evasive action to avoid hitting the subject. Trooper Paine positioned her cruiser and confronted the woman, who did not acknowledge the trooper or respond to commands. As a result, Trooper Paine had to restrain the subject while vehicles were braking and swerving around them. After safely detaining the woman, Trooper Paine drove her to a hospital. A family member said that the subject had lost three close relatives in a short time and was taking anti-depressant medications. Trooper Paine placed herself in great danger during this incident, and for her selfless actions she earned a Meritorious Service Award.

### **Trooper Luke J. Yahn—Meritorious Service Award**

Trooper Yahn on June 14, 2001, responded to a request to assist a Richland County Deputy Sheriff with a juvenile who was refusing to leave a foster home. Upon entering the residence, Trooper Yahn observed the juvenile arguing with the deputy, who was telling the juvenile he must go with his mother. The subject made several obscene remarks then went downstairs into the kitchen. Trooper Yahn saw the juvenile grab a knife from a drawer and lunge toward the deputy's midsection. The deputy pushed the juvenile away, but the subject still had the knife in his hand. Trooper Yahn drew his weapon but could not shoot because the deputy was in the line of fire. Several commands to drop the knife were ignored. The deputy shouted that the subject was trying to get her weapon. After an intense physical struggle, the trooper and deputy took away the knife and got control of the subject, who was later turned over to emergency medical technicians. For his heroic lifesaving actions, Trooper Yahn earned the Meritorious Service Award.



### **Inspector Kevin M. Borreson—Lifesaving Award**

Inspector Borreson on April 4, 2002, responded to a restaurant for a "man down" call. He saw a subject in a chair who did not have a pulse, so he began CPR. After several cycles of CPR, local police officers arrived, equipped with a defibrillator. Inspector Borreson prepared the subject for the defibrillator and continued CPR until an ambulance arrived. Inspector Borreson used his skills and training to save a life and for his efforts he earned the Lifesaving Award.

### **Trooper George T. Riedel—Lifesaving Award**

Trooper Riedel was preparing to leave his residence to begin his shift on April 1, 2002, when he was notified of a traffic crash where a vehicle slid off the highway and rolled over. When he arrived at the scene, an Air Force staff sergeant who stopped to assist was trying to free an adult female and a 3-year-old child from under the car. The child was not breathing and did not have a pulse, so Trooper Riedel and the Air Force staff sergeant performed CPR for approximately five minutes before detecting a pulse. Trooper Riedel continued to provide rescue breaths until an ambulance arrived and supplied oxygen. The child was transported to a hospital and was released four days later. For saving the child's life, Trooper Riedel earned a Lifesaving Award.





## **Inspector James V. Vieth—Lifesaving Award**

Inspector Vieth was first on the scene in responding to a “man down” call at a restaurant where a male subject was found bent over in a chair. Inspector Vieth positioned the man on the ground, inserted an airway and began CPR. When emergency medical services arrived with a defibrillator, Inspector Vieth assisted with CPR and supplying respirations with a bag valve mask. He assisted in transporting the subject to an ambulance. For providing critical life support, Inspector Vieth earned the Lifesaving Award.

## **Trooper Thomas J. Derse—Commendable Service Award**

Trooper Derse was assisting the University of Wisconsin Police Department with security at Camp Randall stadium during a Badger football game on November 3, 2001. He was posted at a busy intersection and assisted with traffic direction while the UW Band marched through the intersection. Shortly thereafter, Trooper Derse saw a taxicab strike a group of pedestrians. He reacted immediately, and after ensuring that no one was pinned under the cab, conducted a verbal triage and began body surveys on the injured. He assisted paramedics and provided first aid to the injured until the injured were transported to the hospital. For his prompt response to the injured and the assistance rendered, Trooper Derse earned the Commendable Service Award.



## **Trooper Michael J. Marquardt—Commendable Service Award**

Trooper Marquardt was assigned to a special security detail at Camp Randall for the football game on November 3, 2001. While controlling traffic near the stadium, Trooper Marquardt saw a taxicab jump the curb and hit pedestrians. He called for assistance and began to triage the injured. He performed first aid and provided reassurance to the injured until paramedics arrived. Trooper Marquardt also investigated the cab to ascertain the mental and physical condition of the driver until Madison police arrived. For his professional and decisive actions, Trooper Marquardt earned the Commendable Service Award.

### **Program Assistant Supervisor Patti Jo Dremler—Commendable Service Award**

PAS Dremler has made improvements to business practices in District 4 that have significantly increased efficiency and enhanced service to the public. She discovered substantial overcharges for long distance services and found ways to obtain business supplies and office machinery at a substantial discount. She has maintained the district's high level of service while conserving financial resources. For her diligence and financial stewardship along with her dedication to operational improvements, PAS Dremler earned the Commendable Service Award.



### **Police Communications Operator Linda M. Scharpf—Commendable Service Award**

PCO Scharpf was notified at the District 5 communications center of a vehicle roll-over on the interstate on April 1, 2002. She dispatched the nearest officer, who was more than 20 miles away, and an ambulance. She realized that the crash was near the residence of a trooper who was about to begin his shift. After advising the duty sergeant of the situation, she dispatched the trooper who was the first to respond to the crash in which a female adult and 3-year-old child were pinned under the vehicle. PCO Scharpf's quick decision to contact the trooper at home quite possibly helped save the life of the child in the crash. For her professional and decisive response to a life-threatening emergency, she earned the Commendable Service Award.



### **Facility Repair Worker James E. Thompson—Commendable Service Award**

Facility Repair Worker Thompson exemplifies the State Patrol's goal of "building and enhancing partnerships" with public and private agencies in the community to improve the quality of service. He has worked closely with WisDOT Division of Transportation Districts Sign Shop in Eau Claire to streamline processes and eliminate duplication of efforts when working with vendors. He also has been instrumental in keeping the District 6 headquarters and safety and weight enforcement facilities looking clean and professional. For his dedication and exemplary commitment to excellence, FRW Thompson earned the Commendable Service Award.



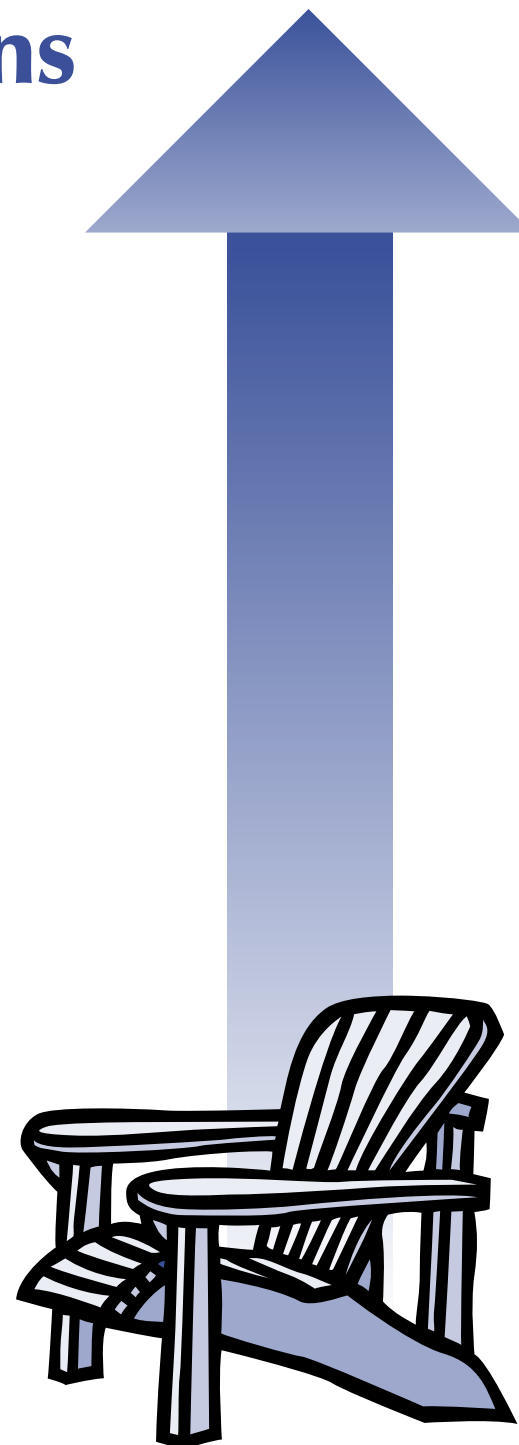
# Retirements & Promotions

## *The following State Patrol members retired in 2002:*

Inspector Dale W. Knutson.....	35 years of state service
Program and Planning Analyst James O. Patenaude.....	27 years of state service
Sergeant Linda L. McKenzie-Krohn .....	25 years of state service
Trooper Charles Johnson .....	25 years of state service
Trooper Michael J. Taczala.....	30 years of state service
Inspector Norman L. Venden.....	16 years of state service
Program Assistant Supervisor Sandra L. Muche .....	24 years of state service
Sergeant Roger L. Jones .....	27 years of state service
Trooper Phillip T. Wenzel .....	34 years of state service
Trooper Donald F. Johnson .....	30 years of state service
Superintendent David L. Schumacher .....	31 years of state service
Trooper Douglas W. Jorstad .....	24 years of state service
Trooper Laurance R. Burzynski .....	30 years of state service
Trooper Louis J. Mane.....	30 years of state service
Police Communications Operator Spencer T. Gaylord .....	31 years of state service
Payroll & Benefits Specialist Karen M. Knox .....	32 years of state service

## *The following State Patrol members were promoted in 2002:*

Lieutenant Varla J. Bishop .....	to Captain
Inspector Timothy E. Weisberg .....	to Sergeant
Trooper James M. Kicmol.....	to Sergeant
Trooper Lauri M. Steeber.....	to Sergeant
Trooper Jeffrey A. Nelson.....	to Sergeant
Trooper Jeffry W. Liethen .....	to Sergeant
Police Communications Operator Linda L. Palmer .....	to PCO Supervisor
Colonel Robert B. Young .....	to Superintendent
Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin H. Mendez .....	to Colonel
Major Sandra K. Huxtable.....	to Lieutenant Colonel
Trooper Timothy R. Huibregtse.....	to Sergeant
Sergeant Ted Meagher .....	to Lieutenant





# Citation Distribution for Speeding

11-15 mph above posted limit, \$163.00\*

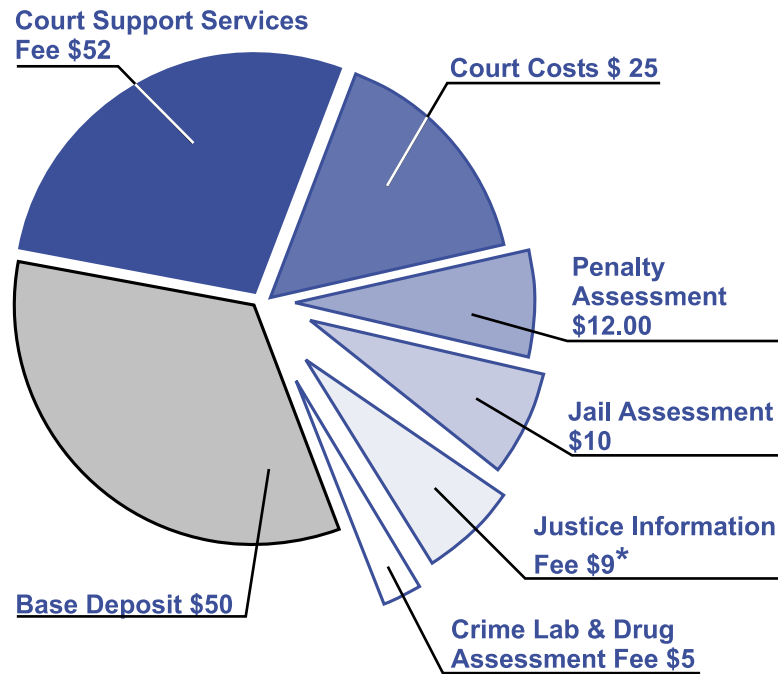


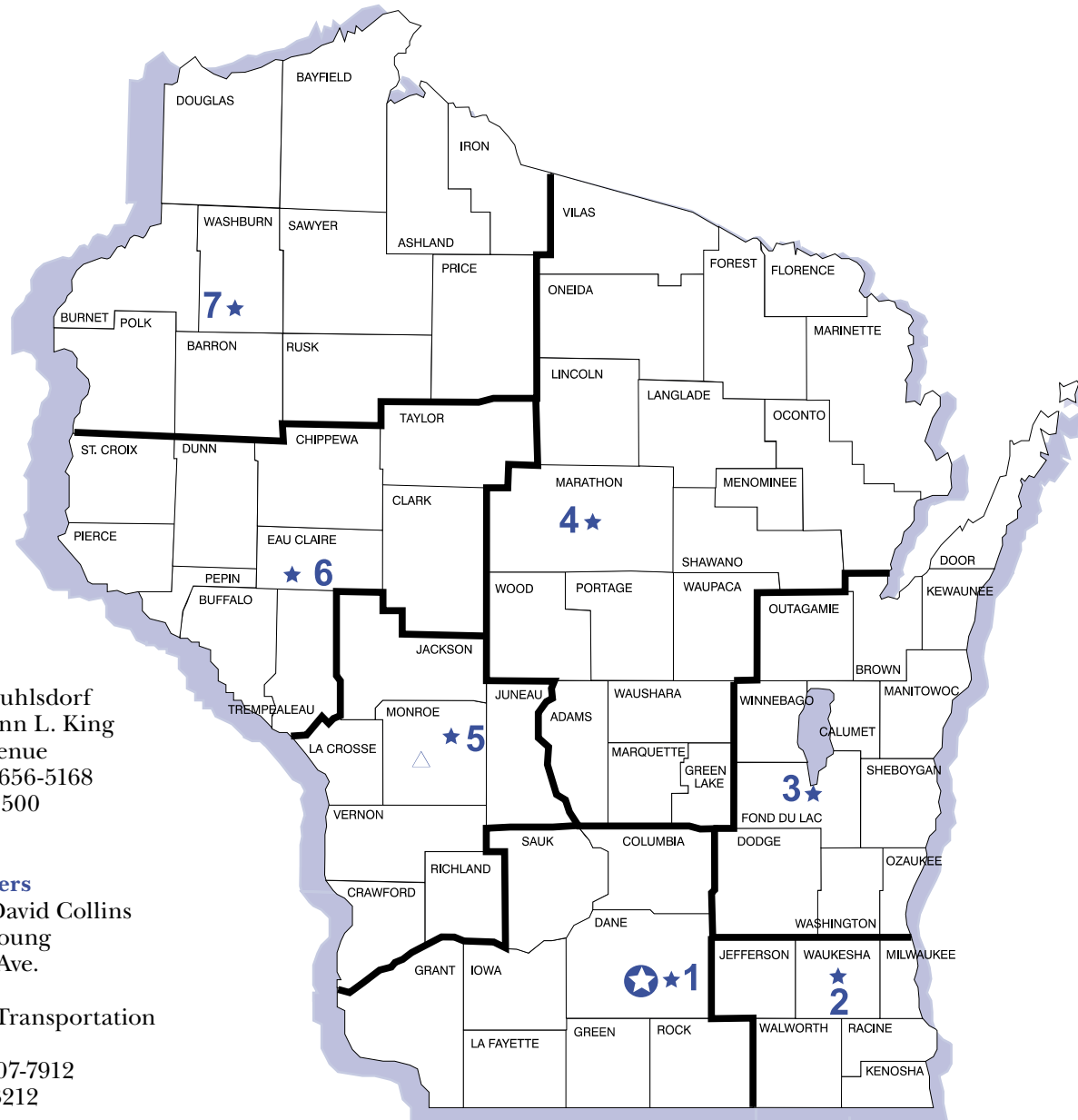
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# Wisconsin State Patrol Districts for 2002

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Colonel Robert Young  
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PO Box 7912  
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Madison, WI 53707-7912  
Phone: 608-266-3212

## District 1

911 W. North St.  
PO Box 610  
DeForest, WI 53532-0610  
Phone: 608-846-8500

Captain David Heinle  
Lieutenant Jeff Lorentz  
  
Population ..... 808,687  
Assigned Sergeants ..... 9

Troopers ..... 62  
Inspectors ..... 28  
Police Communications Supervisor ..... 1  
Police Communications Operators ..... 10  
Safety & Weight Enforcement Facilities ... 3

## District 2

21115 East Moreland Blvd.  
Waukesha, WI 53186-2985  
Phone: 262-785-4700

Captain Varla Bishop  
Lieutenant Ted Meagher  
  
Population ..... 1,707,119  
Assigned Sergeants ..... 7

Troopers ..... 46  
Inspectors ..... 26  
Police Communications Supervisor ..... 1  
Police Communications Operators ..... 9  
Safety & Weight Enforcement Facilities ... 2

## District 3

851 S. Rolling Meadows Drive  
PO Box 984  
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0984  
Phone: 920-929-3700

Captain David Pichette  
Lieutenant Nick Scorcio  
  
Population ..... 1,211,800  
Assigned Sergeants ..... 9

Troopers ..... 62  
Inspectors ..... 13  
Police Communications Supervisor ..... 1  
Police Communications Operators ..... 9  
Safety & Weight Enforcement Facilities ... 2

## District 4

2805 Martin Ave.  
PO Box 5157  
(Junction Hwys. 51 & NN)  
Wausau, WI 54401-7172  
Phone: 715-845-1143

Captain Jeffrey Frenette  
Lieutenant Tim Carnahan  
  
Population ..... 644,583  
Assigned Sergeants ..... 6

Troopers ..... 48  
Inspectors ..... 15  
Police Communications Supervisor ..... 1  
Police Communications Operators ..... 7  
Safety & Weight Enforcement Facilities ... 2

## District 5

23928 Lester McMullin Drive  
PO Box 604  
(I-90, Tomah Exit Hwy. 131)  
Tomah, WI 54660-0604  
Phone: 608-374-0513

Captain Arnold King  
Lieutenant Darren Price  
  
Population ..... 254,658  
Assigned Sergeants ..... 6

Troopers ..... 43  
Inspectors ..... 11  
Police Communications Supervisor ..... 1  
Police Communications Operators ..... 6  
Safety & Weight Enforcement Facilities ... 1

## District 6

5005 Hwy. 53 South  
(Hwy. 53 at I-94)  
Eau Claire, WI 54701-8846  
Phone: 715-839-3800

Captain Marsha Wiley  
Lieutenant Doug Notbohn  
  
Population ..... 389,418  
Assigned Sergeants ..... 6

Troopers ..... 43  
Inspectors ..... 13  
Police Communications Supervisor ..... 1  
Police Communications Operators ..... 8  
Safety & Weight Enforcement Facilities ... 2

## District 7

W7102 Green Valley Road  
Spooner, WI 54801  
Phone: 715-635-2141

Captain Lee McMenamin  
Lieutenant Nicholas Wanink  
  
Population ..... 274,384  
Assigned Sergeants ..... 5

Troopers ..... 26  
Inspectors ..... 11  
Police Communications Supervisor ..... 1  
Police Communications Operators ..... 6  
Safety & Weight Enforcement Facilities ... 1



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